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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 57

Introduced by Assembly Member Eng

April 2, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to acupuncture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 57, as amended, Eng. Acupuncture.

This measure would proclaim April 23, 2009, as California Acupuncture Day, and would encourage all Californians to ~~enhance their health through~~ *consider* the use of acupuncture.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 ~~WHEREAS, Acupuncture is a comprehensive health care~~
2 ~~system; and~~
3 WHEREAS, Acupuncture has been used in Asian countries for
4 thousands of years to preserve health; and
5 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is widely used to diagnose, treat, and
6 prevent illness; and
7 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is a noninvasive, gentle, and proven
8 health care system; and
9 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is recognized as a primary health
10 care profession in California; and
11 WHEREAS, The potential benefits of acupuncture are widely
12 recognized; and
13 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is steadily being integrated into
14 mainstream health care; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 15,000,000 Americans have turned to
2 acupuncture and Asian medicine since it was introduced in this
3 country in the 1970s; and

4 WHEREAS, There is more access to this medicine in California
5 than any other state in the country; and

6 WHEREAS, California has the highest education standards for
7 acupuncturists of any state in the country; and

8 WHEREAS, The risk of side effects from acupuncture are very
9 low and the potential benefits are very high; and

10 ~~WHEREAS, In 1997, the National Institutes of Health endorsed~~
11 ~~acupuncture, recognizing that there was sufficient evidence of~~
12 ~~acupuncture's value to expand its use into conventional medicine;~~
13 ~~and~~

14 ~~WHEREAS, It is widely recognized that acupuncture is an~~
15 ~~effective treatment for a wide variety of medical ailments, including~~
16 ~~arthritis, joint problems, back pain, migraine, sciatica, paralysis,~~
17 ~~stroke rehabilitation, asthma, relief from effects of chemotherapy,~~
18 ~~and more; and~~

19 *WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health has found that*
20 *there are many health situations wherein the efficacy of*
21 *acupuncture is indicated; and*

22 WHEREAS, More and more Californians are finding help in
23 this evidence-based and proven medical system; and

24 WHEREAS, An increasing number of health care service plans
25 and health insurers are recognizing the value of acupuncture to
26 their enrollees and insureds; and

27 WHEREAS, Many Californians have come to rely on
28 acupuncturists as their first choice of health care practitioners for
29 low-risk, cost effective, and reliable health care; now, therefore,
30 be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims April*
33 *23, 2009, as California Acupuncture Day, and encourages all*
34 ~~Californians to enhance their health through the use of this~~
35 ~~established medicine; and be it further Californians to consider~~
36 ~~the use of acupuncture; and be it further~~

37 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
38 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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